



# Michigan Septic Tank Association

## Mission Statement:

The Michigan Septic Tank Association (MSTA) offers individuals and businesses, in industries related to septic and portable toilet waste, access to professional development, through education and networking, with other state and national organizations in an effort to augment the professionalism and public knowledge of the septic waste industry.

## About the MSTA:

The MSTA was established in 1951 and its membership includes septic waste haulers, septic tank installers and manufacturers, portable toilet and drain-cleaning businesses, and material distributors of portable toilets and septic tanks. The MSTA provides educational opportunities for its members regarding affordable and environmentally safe handling of septic waste while also protecting their rights as small business owners through participation in the legislative process.

## Stance on HB-4874:

The MSTA supports HB-4874 as it helps guarantee their freedom of choice as it pertains to the environmentally safe disposal of septic waste. This bill will protect against situations that have arisen in Grand Traverse and Jackson Counties, where wastewater facilities use a legal loophole to create public monopolies whose disposal rates are substantially in excess of the statewide competitive rates. HB-4874, in turn, will keep the disposal cost of septic waste affordable for both the septic hauler and the 1.3 million Michigan homeowners who have a septic tank at their residence.

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